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SUBJ: CALL BY TURKISH AMBASSADOR

1. TURKISH AMBASSADOR TURKMEN CALLED ON ME THIS MORNING JULY 20 TO TALK ABOUT CYPRUS. HE DISCUSSED HIS CALL ON DEPUTY FORNMIN KYZREV JULY 19 AND SPECULATED ABOUT SOVIET REACTION TO THE TURKISH INVASION OF CYPRUS. THE AMBASSADOR, WHO HAS BEEN ON LEAVE AND RETURNED TO MOSCOW JULY 18 ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM ANKARA, DID NOT APPEAR VERY WELL INFORMED ABOUT EVENTS.

2. TURKMEN SAID HE CALLED ON KOZYREV JULY 19 (I.E., BEFORE NEWS OF TURKISH MILITARY ACTION) AT HIS OWN
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INITIATIVE. KOZYREV HAD FOCUSED CONVERSATION ALMOST

TOTALLY ON SC DRAFT RESOLUTION. ACCORDING TO TURKMEN, KOZYREV TOOK LINE THAT SOVIETS HAD HOPED TO GET STRONGER LANGUAGE THAN THAT IN FIVE-POWER DRAFT, BUT OTHER SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBERS HAD BEEN UNWILLING TO ACCEPT THIS. KOZYREV TOOK HARD LINE ON GREECE AND RAISED THEME OF REONSIBILITY OF NATO CIRCLES FOR CYPRUS COUP. WHEN TURKMEN RESPONDED THAT THERE ARE NO NATO CIRCLES -- ONLY COUNTRIES -- AND ASKED WHICH COUNTRIES KOZYREV HAD IN MIND, THE SOVIET SAID HE WOULD NOT NAME NAMES.

3. TURKMEN FELT THAT SOVIET LANGUAGE IN VARIOUS STATEMENTS ON CYPRUS HAD BEEN TOUGHLY WORDED, BUT HE SAW LITTLE LIKELIHOOD THAT THE SOVIETS WOULD INTERVENE. HE THOUGHT THEY WOULD SEEK TO EXPLOIT THE SITUATION POLITICALLY. HE FELT SOVIETS MAIN INTEREST WAS IN RESTORING STATUS QUO IN CYPRUS AND THOUGHT THEY WOULD FIND SOME WAY OF INDICATING SUPPORT FOR THE TURKISH POSITION. TURKMEN BELIEVES THE SOVIETS WOULD STRONGLY OPPOSE THE PARTITION OF THE ISLAND, WHICH TO THEM WOULD MEAN THAT IT WOULD BECOME A NATO BASE. IN THE EVENT THE GREEK ARMY SOUGHT TO MOVE INTO CYPRUS, TURKMEN THOUGHT IT WAS CONCEIVABLE THE SOVIETS MIGHT ACT, PROBABLY TO PREVENT GREEK FORCES FROM HAVING ACCESS TO THE ISLAND. HE ALSO SPECULATED THAT BULGARIAN FORCES MIGHT BE USED TO TIE UP GREEK FORCES IN THRACE.

4. TURKMEN WAS VAGUE ABOUT PRECISE OBJECTIVES OF TURKISH INVASION, BUT SUGGESTED THAT AIM WOULD BE TO "RESTORE MILITARY BALANCE" ON ISLAND WITH A VIEW TO PROCEEDING TOWARD NEGOTIATIONS.
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